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Medco Selective Tree Farming Shows Up

Timber selectively marked by qualified foresters for partial cutting of our timber lands was started in 1962. Many of these areas have now been cut and logged, and the results are basically as planned. The mature, over mature, defective, and some sound timber has been removed, leaving a thinned out stand of thrifty growing trees that should put on maximum growth, and at the same time generate seeds for reproduction and perpetual sustained yield.

Many problems developed in changing to selective cutting, but with the

fine cooperation of all employees involved, the problems are being solved, and the new program is working.

One immediate dividend derived from selective cutting is the smaller amount of timber break up. This has been very noticeable, and considering the high value of timber, this feature alone is almost worth any added cost in selective cutting.

Additional dividends will be counted in future years when tree growth can be measured and reproduction viewed.



Bruce Pingle, Jr., operates Cat No. 42 on the Clark's Creek landing and is assisted by Bill Lytle and Lee Thompson setting chokers. Note the young trees left standing for future harvests.

WOODS OPERATIONS BEGIN SPRING WORK

Your Editor took a trip to the woods and spent some time climbing logs, wading in mud and shooting the pictures which are shown here.

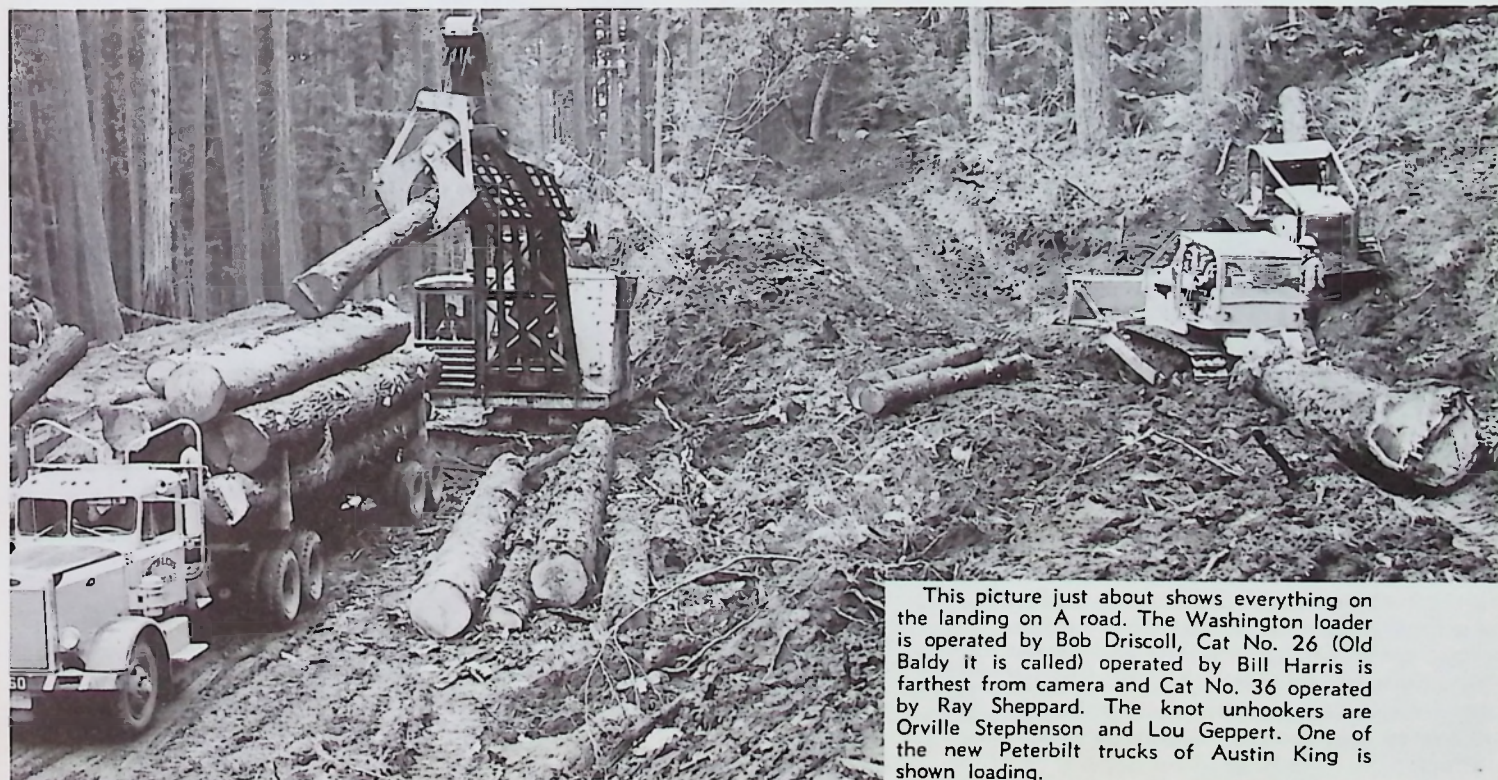
First stop was the Clark's Creek landing where Jess Rodgers is running the side and Leland Coffman operates the Maxi-mounted Osgood loader. Cat skidders are Bruce Pingle, Jr., Warren

Brown and Orv Ruddick. Setting chokers for Bruce Pingle on Cat No. 42 are Bill Lytle and Lee Thompson, for Warren Brown on Cat No. 41 are Trudi Buttram and A. J. Machovic and for Orv Ruddick on Cat No. 37 are Will Moore and Roy Scott. Unhooking at the landing are Lee Brown and Ed Northup.

From this show we went up the A road to the side run by Dale Mecum where Bob Driscoll is operating the

Washington loader. Cat No. 36 operated by Ray Sheppard and chokers set by Bert Baker and Jerry Ferguson and Cat No. 26, known as "Old Baldy" because of the odd looking canopy, operated by Bill Harris with chokers set by Ken Moore and Roger Ellison were skidding off a steep hill with the

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This picture just about shows everything on the landing on A road. The Washington loader is operated by Bob Driscoll, Cat No. 26 (Old Baldy it is called) operated by Bill Harris is farthest from camera and Cat No. 36 operated by Ray Sheppard. The knot unhookers are Orville Stephenson and Lou Geppert. One of the new Peterbilt trucks of Austin King is shown loading.

WOODS OPERATIONS

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loader set in the road to load trucks.

Because of the steep country and heavy brush the loader soon had all the available logs loaded so it moved down the road about 100 yards to a pile of logs which had been skidded in by Leslie Hunsiker on Cat No. 44 with choker setters Walter Summers and Frank Finthum. Unhooking chokers on this side was Orville Stephenson and Lou Geppert.

The Butte Falls shop keeps this equipment repaired and maintained so that those boys will get their credit also in a future issue.

The road construction crew of Hank Wright was missed as well as the Salt Creek side run by Orb Abbott. We have a limited amount of time and space but we will get all parts of the company as we continue the monthly paper.



Leland Coffman makes the Osgood loader dance as he picks up a big log on the Clark's Creek landing.



Photographer caught this "cast" by loader operator, Bob Driscoll as he reached out to snag the log shown just as the grapple was about to drop over it. This takes practice and skill to cast out this far and pick up logs.

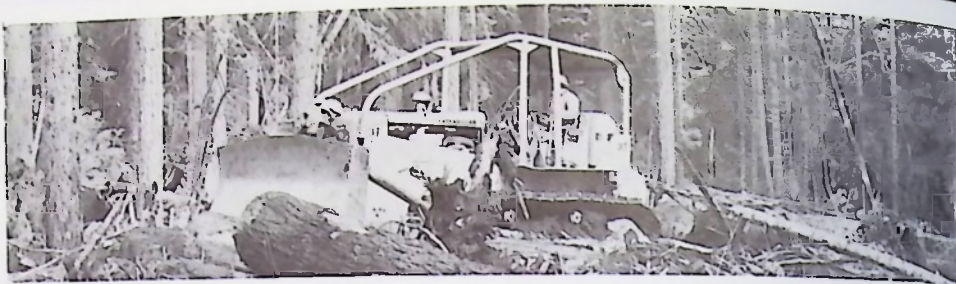
Flu Takes Toll

A fever of 103½ plus a goodly portion of bronchial pneumonia or flu put Dusty Hannon in bed from Friday night until Tuesday noon and when the Editor talked to him he still looked like he was considerably short of being in shape for one of Kennedy's 50-milers.



Cat No. 41 being driven by Warren Brown comes in to the landing on the Clark's Creek road. The knot unhookers on this landing—Lee Brown and Ed Northup—can be seen in the

picture but choker setters, Trudi Buttram and A. J. Machovic who work behind this Cat can not be seen.



Orv Ruddick on Cat No. 37 brings in the logs hooked up by choker setters, Will Moore and Roy Scott on the Clark's Creek landing.

Note the young trees left standing for future harvests.



Ray Sheppard eases Cat No. 36 down a steep grade while choker setter Bert Baker waits to

hook up a big log. The other choker setter, Jerry Ferguson is hidden by brush.



Leslie Hunsiker on Cat No. 44, a D7 Caterpillar brings in a good "turn" of logs for load-

ing near the A road. Setting chokers on this Cat is Walter Summers and Frank Finthum.

Sales Dept. Guests

Ed Nave, your sales manager, was busy one day last month with customer guests from California and Texas. This is not unusual as a great many of our customers stop in Medford to visit the plants and get acquainted with the men.

Salesmen and businessmen can always do a better job if they fully understand the products, the methods of manufacture and the people involved. Sales are made as a result of many efforts. Quality of manufacture and a reasonable cost of the manufacturing process are of course the most important. But shipping, delivery schedules, carloading and the general friendly atmosphere are vital in securing and holding good customers.

Have you ever been in a place of business where they made you feel as if you shouldn't be bothering them? You probably didn't return to that particular business yet it would be hard to explain just what you didn't like about it.

A good customer is a good friend and deserves to be treated as a respected guest when he visits our operations. We have many good friends and customers as a result of the cooperation of all employees and for this we are grateful.

Ralph Merton Back

We are happy to see Ralph Merton back on the job after an extended visit with the University of California Hospital in San Francisco.

Ralph has been battling a rare infection for a long time which threatened to cost him his legs or even his life. At one time he was advised the only thing left was amputation but he refused.

His visit to the special hospital resulted in a very serious operation but it is believed a successful cure for Ralph.

Ralph has many very kind words for the doctors and the hospital staff including the wonderful nurses but it is easily understood when they gave him a complete new lease on life. Good luck, Ralph, and take it easy.

Attends Son's Wedding

Lester Griffin took a trip to Reno on February 22nd and attended the wedding of his son.

We have no report on winnings or losses except the matter of getting accommodations caused considerable worry. A word of advice to anyone contemplating a trip to Reno—get reservations.

WE SHIP ANYTHING

The boys in the shipping department have a good story about shipping a cat to Pennsylvania.

Seems that during the loading of a car of lumber a cat found its way into the boxcar and when the loading was completed the cat was sealed inside, unknown to any of the men.

Fourteen days later it was a very hungry cat that jumped out of the boxcar in Pennsylvania to the surprise of the men nearby.

This story has two important morals . . . one—don't talk back to those carloaders when they are about to seal a car of lumber, and two—this is one case where a "delay-in-route" would have been tragic.

It is so dry in Kansas, according to reports, that the trees are going to the dogs.

New Homes Bought

Seems the idea of buying a new home has hit several men at the same time. Bob Paris recently bought a new home in the Hollywood District off West Main Street in Medford. Bob works in the shipping department.

Pat Malott who also works in the shipping department bought a new home in Central Point recently.

Steve Elco who works in the power department bought a new home at 210 Windsor Avenue in Central Point.

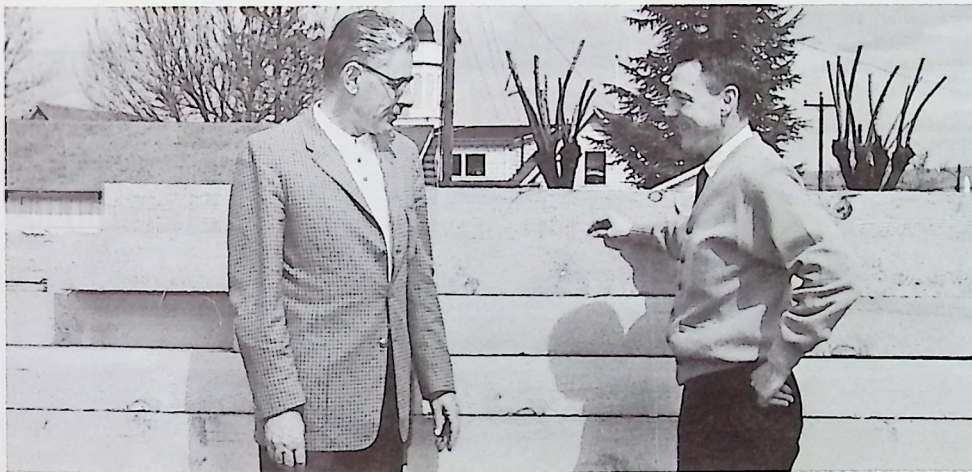
FIRST AID SCHOOL

Chan Drew, Safety Director, announced the classes in First Aid being held in Butte Falls school each Tuesday evening will continue for a few weeks longer.

All employees are encouraged to attend these classes as this training can be very valuable to you both on the job or in your home. Perhaps you would never need to use what you learn in the First Aid class but just knowing the proper thing to do during an emergency could mean saving a life and that is certainly worth the effort.

In Active Service

LeRoy Fellows who works in the planing mill left on March 18th for a tour of duty with the National Guard in California. His job while in active service at the California post will consist of training recruits in heavy equipment mechanics. He is due to return to the job on May 20th.



Jim Richardson (L) came from Santa Ana, California to visit our plants and see Ed Nave about impending sales events for the coming

construction season. Jim and Ed are shown here discussing the merits of lumber in the sawmill yard.



Dick Slaughter of Slaughter Bros. Lumber Co. in Dallas, Texas, came a long way to visit our plant. He brought two of his salesmen, Fred Renner (third from L) and Geo. Marye (R)

along to become acquainted with the Oregon lumber area. They must have given Ed a good order from the big smile he is showing.

New Deductions

Little Darla McComb arrived on February 22nd to make her home with Reta and Donald McComb. Don works in the plywood plant.

Mary and Dace Maddox received a little 7 lb. 1 oz. bundle of joy on March 29th. She has been named Mary Katherine and will be staying home a while before she visits her Dad in the plywood plant.

Wife To Hospital

R. P. "Bob" Brown brought his wife home from the Osteopathic Hospital in Central Point on April 5th after she had undergone surgery. Mrs. Brown is feeling much better and Bob says she is even getting mean. That's the way it goes when you give these women a couple days off from their duties.

Wrestling Champ

Don Smith, ratchet setter in the sawmill, is very proud of his son, Russel "Rusty", who has recently won the 110 lb. class Oregon State A.A.U. Wrestling Championship.

Better watch it, Dad, or he'll flip you!

Recovers Surgery

It is a pleasure to report the success of open heart surgery for Mrs. Don Jolliffe of Butte Falls.

Mrs. Jolliffe was scheduled for surgery on February 12th at Providence Hospital in Portland where she underwent three major operations. This included a repair of a hole in her heart the size of a half-dollar, opening a non-function heart valve and repairing the capillaries in one lung.

After the operations, Mrs. Jolliffe remained in Portland for three weeks, two weeks in the hospital and one week at a motel adjusting to normal living and getting her rest.

The Jolliffes returned home on March 7th where Mrs. Jolliffe is making an excellent recovery.

Mrs. Jolliffe was born in the Rogue Valley and has lived all her life in the Butte Falls area. Their ten-year-old son, Greg, returned to Butte Falls and stayed with friends and attended school after the operation. He returned to Portland to make the trip home with his mother.

"I met a gal who looks like a million bucks . . . wrinkled and green."

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Just a few short days after his retirement, Ralph Raymond receives his first check from Mr. B. L. Nutting. Watching the event are Mr. Curt Hopkins, Aetna Insurance representative

and Hans Holt (both standing). Naturally Ralph will not have to come to the office for his check but in this case it was for the photographer.

Ralph Raymond Retires

After twenty-two years with the company, all spent in the watchman's job with the exception of six months in the sawmill, Ralph Raymond retired on February 1st this year.

Born in South Dakota, Ralph moved to Canada with his parents when he was six years old. Canada was their home until 1917 when they moved to Medford for Ralph's father's asthma condition. Ralph said his father's asthma disappeared when they came to the Rogue Valley.

Like so many of us, Ralph has had to neglect his fishing during the past years but he vows he is going to really do a lot of "catching up" this summer. Of course his acre of ground and numerous fruit trees will be consuming much of his time.

The outstanding feature of Ralph's retirement is that he has only been covered with retirement benefits since June 1st of 1962, the effective date of the new plan for non-bargaining employees. He will receive \$65.25 per

month the rest of his life as if the plan had been in effect since the first day he worked.

This new retirement plan, worked out with the cooperation of the Aetna Insurance Co. is fully prepaid by your company as is the life insurance, hospital and medical insurance with no deductions from your pay envelope except for insurance on dependents as is customary in all cases.

All administration and claims service is handled by the local office of Aetna Insurance so there are no long waits for out-of-town officials to act.

Three old maids lived together and each owned a cat which she kept shut up for fear it would go tom-cattling. One of the old maids got married and after honeymooning a few days wired the other old maids as follows: "You can keep your cats shut up if you want to, but turn mine out."